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SUBJECT: MBFR: WG PAPER ON AERIAL INSPECTION

REF: NATO 6314

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE WG AERIAL INSPECTION
PAPER WITH MODIFICATIONS SET OUT IN REFTTEL, WITH THE
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EXCEPTION OF PROPOSED REVISION OF PARA 5 B (1), FOR THE

REASONS SET FORTH BELOW.

2. BELGIAN SUGGESTED CHANGE MAKES TOO STRONG A CASE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEATING AERIAL INSPECTION BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ADVERSE WHETHER. THERE ARE NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF MAJOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EUROPE, EXERCISES AND COMPUTER SIMULATIONS OF OPERATIONS WHICH SHOW THAT POOR WEATHER PERSISTENCE AND PLANNING THE EXECUTION OF OPERATIONS FOR PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER CAN BE USED SUCCESSFULLY TO THWART AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. THE CRITICAL TIME SPAN REQUIRED FOR SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS OF AN MBFR AGREEMENT IS IN THE DOMAIN OF DAYS TO A FEW WEEKS. BAD WEATHER PERSISTENCE AND EVEN AVERAGE CLOUD COVER IN THE NGA MAKE IT PLAUSIBLE THAT VIOLATIONS COULD BE PLANNED ON THE BASIS OF WEATHER STATISTICS AND FORECASTS.

3. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO SHIFTING THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 5 B (1) TO END OF PARA AND TO ADDITION OF FOOTNOTE. INGERSOLL

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